

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-45 are presently active; Claims 1, 9, 25, and 30 have been presently amended. No new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-6 and 8-45 were rejected as being anticipated by Kubo et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,828,461). Claim 7 was rejected as being unpatentable over Kubo et al.

Regarding the rejection on the merits, the Office Action appears to have made the following assignment with regards to the previously submitted claims and Kubo et al:¹

1) a print dialogue box (a dialogue box 113 of Figure 12) initially displayed in response to a print request and configured to at least display print settings for a print job (dialogue box 113 displayed in response to “PRINT SETTING” button 95 in Figure 9A for the claimed print dialogue box);

2) said print dialogue box (a dialogue box 113 of Figure 12) including print setting modification controls permitting change of the print settings from within the print dialogue box and a print confirmation control;
(the “SETTING” button 115, Figure 12, for the claimed print setting modification controls)

3) a printing information dialogue box (Figures 9A-10, items 90 & 100, column 22, lines 53-67; column 25, lines 15-23, for the claimed printing information dialogue box) configured to display, upon an activation of the print confirmation control for confirmation of the print settings for print job in the print dialogue box and prior to processing of the print job for printing, a synopsis of the print settings for the print job including at least an indication of a paper selection,

(When SETTING button 115 is activated, Kubo et al discloses at column 25, lines 52-64, an automatic layout setting operation that includes an indication of paper size.)

4) said printing information dialogue box having a print job control to direct said print job

(an element in Kubo et al for a print job control was not specifically set forth in the Office Action)

¹ If these assignments are incorrect, Applicant would appreciate a more detailed report in the next Office Action.

In the response to the previously filed arguments, the examiner asserted that his present reading of Kubo et al now makes Applicant's prior arguments over Kubo et al such that the filed arguments do "not bear upon the validity" of the present rejection.

At issue seems to be interpretation of whether or the display of dialogue box 113 of Kubo et al is initially displayed in response to a print request. The examiner's reading of initially seems to have been read as any action which follows a print request. To clarify this matter, Claim 1 has been amended to define a print control system having:

a print dialogue box displayed ***in a one step response to a print request*** and configured to at least display print settings for a print job ***and print setting modification controls***;

said print dialogue box including the print setting modification controls permitting change of the print settings from within the print dialogue box and a print confirmation control; and

a printing information dialogue box configured to display, upon an activation of the print confirmation control for confirmation of the print settings for print job in the print dialogue box and prior to processing of the print job for printing, a synopsis of the print settings for the print job including at least an indication of a paper selection,

said printing information dialogue box having a print job control to direct said print job [Emphasis added.]

As presently clarified, the claimed print dialogue box is displayed in a one step response to a print request and displays print setting modification controls permitting change of the print settings from within the print dialogue box and a print confirmation control. This feature is shown by way of Applicant's flowchart Figure 1 and the exemplary print dialogue box shown in Applicant's Figure 2, and is supported by the objects listed in the specification, one of which states that, in response to a print request, the print dialogue box displays current print settings, enables modification to the print settings, and confirms the print job.

When a user in Kubo et al decides to change the print settings, that user must hit either the "ADD" or "PRINT SETTING" buttons in Figure 9A. Figure 9A is reproduced below.

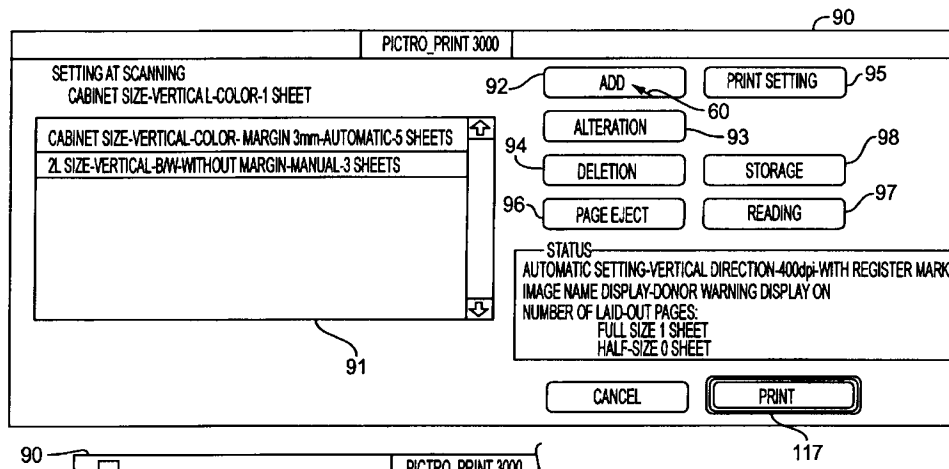
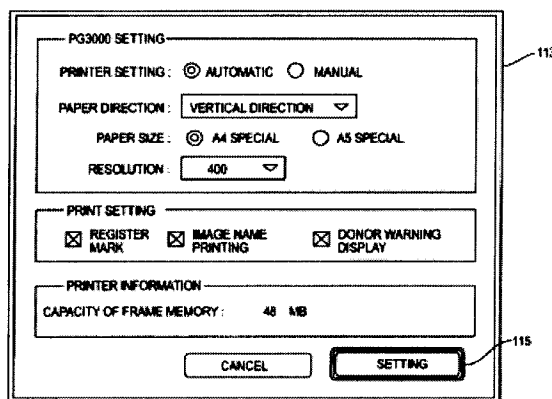


FIG. 9A

Once the “PRINT SETTING” button is activated, then the user is shown the dialogue box 113 in Figure 12 (reproduced below) having controls permitting the changing of the print settings.

FIG. 12



Thus, Kubo et al describe *a two-step screen display process* to arrive at a print setting modification control (i.e, first the display of Figure 9A and second followed by the display of Figure 12).

A similar sequence of events occurs in Kubo et al should the user select the “ADD” button. The user is shown the dialogue box 110 of Figure 10. There on that screen the user can change the print settings, and once satisfied clicks the “OK” button to return to the screen of

Figure 9A.

Thus, Kubo et al do not disclose or suggest a print dialogue box displayed in a one step response to a print request and displaying print setting modification controls permitting change of the print settings from within the print dialogue box, as defined in Claim 1.

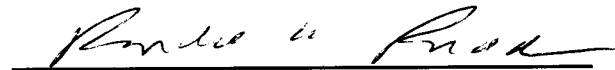
Hence, independent Claims 1, 9, 25, and 30 are not anticipated or made obvious in view of Kubo et al.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1, 9, 25, and 30 (and the claims dependent therefrom) patentably define over Kubo et al.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussions, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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